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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

Death and disability benefits

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The information contained in the annex to the present note is submitted pursuant to paragraphs 16 and 17 of General Assembly resolution 51/239 of 17 June 1997, in which the Assembly noted that as at 19 May 1997 the current backlog of death and disability claims awaiting processing was 564 claims and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly quarterly written reports on the progress made in clearing the backlog.

2. In this connection, it should also be recalled that in the same resolution the General Assembly provided support account funded general temporary assistance resources in the amount of $158,500 for the 12-month period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 for the sole purpose of processing the backlog of claims referred to in paragraph 1 above.

3. The information presented in the attached annex relates to death and disability incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997. The data contained herein indicates the total number of claims received from troop-contributing countries as at 30 September 1997, identifying the number of claims received since 19 May 1997, and shows the number of claims from the backlog that were processed in the period from 19 May to 30 September 1997. This information is presented by country (table A) and by peacekeeping operation (table B). A comparison of the total number of incidents of death and disability reported by peacekeeping operations as at 30 September 1997 and the related number of claims submitted to the Secretariat is presented in table C.

ANNEX

A. Death and disability claims backlog report for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997 (by country)

Country	Claims received prior to 19 May 1997	Claims received post 19 May 1997	Claims processed from 19 May 1997 to 30 September 1997	Total claims awaiting processing
Argentina	9	2	1	10
Austria	35	-	-	35
Bangladesh	27	-	-	27
Belgium	-	16	16	-
Bulgaria	41	-	-	41
Canada	12	-	12	-
Czech Republic	7	-	7	-
Egypt	42	-	-	42
Fiji	26	-	26	-
Finland	1	-	-	1
France	107	-	-	107
Germany	3	-	1	2
Indonesia	8	-	1	7
Ireland	37	-	27	10
Italy	56	-	-	56
Jordan	3	23	23	3
Malaysia	-	1	1	-
Nepal	-	5	5	-
Pakistan	1	4	5	-
Poland	64	-	30	34
Russian Federation	11	-	-	11
Senegal	1	-	1	-
Slovakia	6	-	6	-
Spain	10	-	-	10
Thailand	2	-	-	2
Tunisia	2	-	-	2
Turkey	3	-	3	-
Ukraine	9	10	11	8
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	23	-	23	-
Uruguay	2	-	-	2
Zimbabwe	16	-	1	15
Total	564	61	200	425

B. Death and disability claims backlog report for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997 (by peacekeeping operation)

Mission	Claims received prior to 19 May 1997	Claims received post 19 May 1997	Claims processed from 19 May 1997 to 30 September 1997	Total claims awaiting processing
ONUMOZ	4	-	-	4
UNAMIR	3	10	11	2
UNDOF	30	-	1	29
UNFICYP	9	-	1	8
UNIFIL	140	4	58	86
UNIKOM	2	2	-	4
UNMIH	2	1	1	2
UNOSOM	104	5	8	101
UNPROFOR	178	39	112	105
UNTAC	89	-	8	81
UNTAG	3	-	-	3
Total	564	61	200	425

C. Total number of death and disability incidents reported and claims submitted for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997 (by peacekeeping operation)

	Death		Disability		Total	
Mission	Incidents reported	Claims	Incidents reported[a]	Claims	Incidents reported	Claims
ONUMOZ	21	10	51	2	72	12
MINURSO	3	-	5	-	8	-
UNAMIR	22	14	43	2	65	16
UNAVEM	31	-	50	-	81	-
UNDOF	38	3	415	80	453	83
UNFICYP	162	3	87	13	249	16
UNIFIL	214	45	982	190	1 196	235
UNIKOM	7	4	27	-	34	4
UNMIH	5	4	14	3	19	7
UNOSOM	151	96	423	159	574	255
UNPROFOR	232	98	1 500	158	1 732	256
UNTAC	41	35	37	86	78	121
UNTAG	11	3	30	-	41	3
Total	938	315	3 664	693	4 602	1 008

[a] While the figures under this heading include data relating to incidents of injury and illness to military contingent personnel, claim figures represent those claims that relate to disability only.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT II)

Assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In paragraph 19 of its resolution 51/177 of 16 December 1996, the General Assembly invited the Secretary-General to undertake, in light of the review of the mandate of the Commission on Human Settlements, referred to in paragraph 17 of the same resolution, "a comprehensive and in-depth assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements with a view to its revitalization, to present terms of reference and a preliminary report on this assessment for the consideration of the Commission at its sixteenth session and to make a final report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session".

2. Pursuant to that request, the Secretary-General submitted a preliminary report (HS/C/16/5) to the Commission at its sixteenth session, which contained, inter alia, the proposed terms of reference for the report and noted that the assessment would be undertaken under the guidance of the Executive Coordinator for United Nations reform.

3. Following its consideration of the report, the Commission adopted resolution 16/8 entitled "Revitalization of the Habitat Centre".[1] Paragraph 1 of that resolution contains a list of guiding principles that the Commission requested the Secretary-General to take into account in the preparation of the assessment. (See also A/52/181, paras. 11-13.)

4. The Secretary-General has initiated work on the assessment. However, given the transition in the executive leadership of the Centre, and since the exercise

needs to be completed in the light of the ongoing process of reform of the United Nations, the Secretary-General now intends to submit the final report on the assessment to the Assembly at its fifty-third session, in accordance with his report on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform (see A/51/950, sect. V.D, action 12).

Notes

[1] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/52/8), annex I.